GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2289
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2000
FINE FOR WILD LIFE OFFENCES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions of fine for wild life offences;

(b) whether the Government propose to hike the fine fee substantially for offences under the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 so that it could deter the offenders; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) The details of penalties under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, are given in Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) Government of India has yet not taken a final view on the revised level of penalties.

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2289 FOR 7.8.2000 REGARDING FINE F WILD LIFE OFFENCES

(a) Under Section 51 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 , following penalties have been prescribed for contravening the provisions of the Act.

i) Any person who violates any of the provisions of the Act or Rules or Order made there under (except Chapter V-A and Section 38-J) on conviction is punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 3 years or with a fine which may extend to Rs. 25,000/- or with both.

ii) Persons committing any offences relating to wild animals included in Schedule I or Part-II of Schedule II or meat of any such animal article, trophy, or uncured trophy derived from such animal and the offence relating to hunting in or altering the boundaries of a Sanctuary or National Parks shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term not less than one year but which may extend to six years and also with a fine which is not less than Rs. 5,000/-. For a subsequent offence of this nature the minimum term of imprisonment would not be less than two years and the minimum fine would not be less than Rs. 10,000/-.

iii) Offences under Chapter VA (concerning prohibition of trade or commerce in trophies, animal articles, etc. derived from scheduled animals) are punishable with a term of imprisonment which shall not be less than one year but which may extend to seven years and also with a fine which shall not be less than Rs. 5,000/-.

iv) For offences in relation to zoos, the punishment prescribed is imprisonment up to six months or with a fine which may extend to Rs. 2,000/- or with both. For a subsequent offence of this nature the term of imprisonment may extend up to one year and the fine may extend to Rs. 5,000/-.